

**Madison County Airport Board
Meeting Minutes**

**Twin Bridges, Montana
January 12, 2009**

Attendees: B. Bradley, T. Miller, J. Frey, D. Davis, J. Fenton, L. Carlson, J. Hauck

Absentees:

Commissioners: Marilyn Ross, Jim Hart

Secretary: B. Durham

Visitors: Mike, Don McCune

1. Report Twin Bridges Airport:
 - a. Airport Conditions: Bill White has been estimating the cost to fix the county hangar. Tumble weeds have been cleaned up. Elk have been removed from the airport once. Plowed once. The Vault toilet that resided at the airport has been moved to the Fairgrounds.
 - b. Airport Improvement Projects Update: See attached report from Peccia and Associates
 - c. Leases with Byron Bayers & John Padilla: John Padilla has signed his lease and paid cash. The Board discussed standard lease vs. custom lease. The Board recommended to the Commissioners that all ground leases are standard so that all lessees have the same lease. The Commissioner's concurred subject to an opinion from the Madison County Attorney. The Board members did a visual inspection of Byron's hanger and lease area.
 - d. Twin Bridges Alternate Sewer Lagoon and Irrigation Pivot: Response from Peccia and Associates. Completed. Denzel Davis feels that additional impediments in the clear zone are not a good idea. He feels that placing the pivot in the area designated will create problems in the future. Denzel will contact Rick Donaldson regarding the issue.
 - e. Maintenance Truck Hangar Repair: Estimates will be available at the Feb meeting.
2. Report Ennis Big Sky Airport:

Tom introduced Don McCune, Manager, Ennis Big Sky Airport, and talked about the plowing that has had to be done at the airport.

 - a. Airport Conditions: the entry way into the airport will need to be cleaned up in the spring. The North end vasi's need to be worked on, as they are not currently working. The runway has been cleaned a number of times. The plow truck has been taken in for recall service. Ice around the fuel farm and the pilot shack has been worked on. Numerous landings and takeoffs have occurred. Someone who had broke down brought their horses through the airport. Don will talk to Signs West regarding signs for the new courtesy car.
 - b. Airport Improvements Projects Update: See attached report from Peccia and Associates.
 - c. Fuel Farm Tanks and Dispensing Unit: Don has a call into Dave Rubus but has not heard back from him yet. Tom and Don will attempt to contact Dave Rubus this week.
 - d. Airport Manager Interviews: See attached report.
 - e. Disposal Of Old Courtesy Car: Jim will have the Sanitarians office remove the vehicle.
 - f. Tie Down Chains – Remove? Replace? Replace with chain or nylon straps? The Board decided they would continue providing chains with regular inspection.
3. Election of Officers
 - Chairman: John Hauck nominated Tom Miller, all in favor, Tom Miller elected as Chairman.
 - Vice Chairman: Layne Carlson was nominated as Vice-Chairman by Denzel Davis, all in favor motion carries.
4. New Business:

Denzel talked about the TSA and airport security. He feels like at some point it will be likely that a TSA agent could show up around the airports. The Board discussed the issue. Beau feels it is important to keep pilots informed. The Board would like Peccia to look into Federal funding for fencing.

Websites for each airport were discussed. Peccia and Associates have a draft web site for Ennis Big Sky Airport online to view and comment. The Board liked the web site and encouraged Peccia and Associates to create web sites for each airport.

Don suggested improvements and services at the airports could be improved by providing a survey to the aviation community. Tom asked Board members to take them home and write comments on the survey and bring them back to the Feb meeting. Beau suggested that the survey be postcard size with a mailing address on the reverse side.

5. Public Comment: